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TAGS: SNAR, CE

SUBJ: OPIUM AND GANJA FROM SRI LANKA SEIZED IN DENMARK AND SWEDEN

1. ACCORDING TO RECENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLES (BEING  
POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES) AND R. SUNDERALINGAM, HEAD  
OF SRI LANKA POLICE NARCOTICS BUREAU, A  
SCANDINAVIAN CITIZEN WAS RECENTLY ARRESTED AND  
SENTENCED TO TWO-YEARS IMPRISONMENT ON RETURNING  
FROM SRI LANKA FOR POSSESSION OF 140 KILS  
(300 POUNDS) OF OPIUM AND GANJA. SUNNDERALINGAM,  
WHO IS TRYING TO OBTAIN NARE INFO FROM  
INTERPOL, ADVISED EMBOFF JAN 23 THAT  
TRAFFICKER WAS A DANISH CITIZEN ARRESTED BY  
DANISH AUTHORITIES IN EARLY JANUARY. ONE  
NEWSPAPER ALSO REPORTED THAT SEVERAL TOURISTS  
RETURNING TO SWEDEN FROM CEYLON HAVE BEEN ARRESTED  
FOR POSSESSION OF OPIUM AND GANJA.

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2. CAN YOU PROVIDE ANY CONFIRMATION AND DETAILS  
OF THESE REPORTS? WHILE SRI LANKA NARCOTICS OFFICIALS  
AND SOME INTERPOL OFFICERS HAVE PERIODICALLY  
STATED THEY BELIEVE SRI LANKA IS A TRANSSHIPMENT  
POINT FOR OPIUM SMUGGLED FROM INDIA, SUCH AN ARREST  
AS DESCRIBED BY THE PAPERS (SOMETIMES UNRELIABLE) AND  
SUNDERALINGAM WOULD BE THE FIRST SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE  
THAT SIZEABLE AMOUNTS OF OPIUM ARE TRAFFICKED  
THROUGH HERE.  
VAN HOLLEN

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